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## **EX-LICENSED GUN DEALER INDICTED FOR FIREARMS VIOLATIONS**

*- Allegedly failed to conduct criminal background checks*

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against **Steven W. Fox**, age 55, of 2934 Zoneton Road, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, in Bullitt County, on charges of sale of firearm to an out of state purchaser by a dealer (1 counts); sale of a firearm without keeping proper records by a dealer (2 counts); and transfer of a firearm to a person without having conducted a criminal background check on the individual (2 Counts) (these violations occurred in 2003), U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

The Indictment alleges that on June 7 and June 8, 2003, Fox, then a licensed firearms dealer, sold firearms to a person he had reason to believe resided outside Kentucky; failed to record the names and addresses in records of persons he sold firearms to as he was required by law to keep and failed to conduct criminal background checks on the persons.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 25 years imprisonment, a \$1,250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randy Ream, and it was investigated by the Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives.

Fox is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on June 17, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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**The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

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